

CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

ELKO, NEVADA



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Calendar of Interpretive Programs February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pioneer Poetry 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	2 Wagon Train TV Series 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pioneer Poetry and Storytelling 2 p.m.
3	4 Closed	5 Closed	6 No Presentations	7 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	8 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	9 The Big Trail 11a.m. & 2 p.m.
10 Fire Arms of the Trail 2 p.m.	11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	14 Love, Lust & Left in the Dust 10:30 a.m. & 2p.m.	15 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	16 No Presentations
17 Trails Ahead 10:30 a.m. Barter Game 2 p.m.	18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	21 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	22 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	23 Primitive Bow Making Noon – 4 p.m.
24 Genealogy 101 1 p.m.	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability	28 Any Presentation by Request Depending on Availability		

**Open Wednesday through Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

All programs are approximately 20 to 40 minutes

Schedule subject to change

The Big Trail – This 1930 movie features John Wayne in his first starring role and was directed by Raoul Walsh.

Genealogy 101 – Where was your grandma born? What is on a census? When and where did your relatives arrive in America? Historian Jan Petersen will help with family trees, charts, and internet how-to's.

Mountain Men: Pathfinders & Ambassadors – Park Ranger Mike Blunk will discuss the important role mountain men played in westward expansion. After the end of the fur trade, mountain men became an invaluable resource to early emigrants and often made the difference between a successful crossing and disaster.

Stuck in the Muck – Things didn't always go as planned. Join Ranger Tiffany Cusick for a discussion of what could happen if you miscalculated what was needed for a 2,000-mile long camping trip.

Trails Ahead – Did you know you can preserve the California Trail for future generations to enjoy? Interpretive Specialist Shania Cook will teach you how to "Tread Lightly" and spot signs of civilization in the Great Basin.

John Bidwell - 1841– Learn about the incredible trip of the Bidwell-Bartleson Party. Park Ranger Mike Blunk relates the story of the first emigrants to make it overland to California.

And So They Wrote - Join Historian Jan Petersen and hear what the emigrants thought of their travels across Nevada in their own words.

Fire Arms of the Trail/Black Powder Demo – Was everyone in the pioneer days an expert marksman and hunter? Join Ranger Dennis Groneman or Ranger Mike Blunk for a demonstration of some of the firearms available during the days of the California Trail and the challenges of using them.

Barter Game – Join Interpretive Specialist, Shania Cook in this interactive game of how emigrants and Indians of the Great Basin traded with one another for survival and technology.

Love, Lust, and Left in the Dust – You may be surprised to find that there are many stereotypes about people on the California Trail. Families then were just like families today and country kids did what country kids do. Join Ranger Tiffany Cusick to learn about social interactions on the Trail.

The Humboldt River Trail – Join Park Ranger Dennis Groneman for a trip down the Humboldt River. He will discuss what the California Trail was like in the area and what emigrants had to say about the mighty river.

Great Basin Indian Baskets – Before the arrival of non-natives, Indians throughout northern Nevada were able to use the resources of the Great Basin to meet their needs. Listen to Historian Jan Petersen describe how the Native people used the resources at hand to produce baskets that had form, function, and beauty.

Hazards of the Trail – Join us for a guided tour through the dioramas and learn about the hazards that emigrants faced during each phase of their journey west. No trip is without its trials.

The Hastings Cutoff – Was it faster and safer to take a cutoff? Find out with Ranger Dennis Groneman as he explores the history, geography, and journey along the infamous Hastings Cutoff.

Survival Skills – Ever wonder how people navigated unknown territory, stayed warm, protected their families, and found food on the trail? Interpretive Specialist Shania Cook will explain all of these aspects of survival in the Great Basin and more.

Other ACTIVITIES

Hiking Trails, Pack Your Wagon, Clothing Try On, Rubbing Table, & Student Activity Book

In the South Fork Room: Special interest videos on historical subjects, regional interest topics, and natural history are shown upon request. Ask for the list of available titles.